

KITTERY PORT AUTHORITY TOWN HALL 200 ROGERS RD. KITTERY, ME 03904

KITTERY BOAT LAUNCH FACILITIES

LOCATIONS, FEES and RAMP ETIQUETTE

The Town of Kittery has two launch facilities serving the boaters of Southern Maine and the Seacoast of New Hampshire. Both are maintained and managed by the Kittery Port Authority for the Town of Kittery. Access roads to both ramps are narrow and congested. **Do not bring your boat to the ramp until it is ready to launch. Do not jump the line; wait for your turn to launch. Kayaks should stay off to one side of the ramp so as not to interfere with trailer boats.** Common sense and a little courtesy will make the launching experience easier for all involved.

Payment of a fee is required for <u>ANY VESSEL</u> launching at either Traip Academy Ramp or Pepperrell Cove Ramp. <u>Day Pass-\$5</u> <u>Season Pass-\$25</u>. Season passes may be purchased at Town Hall or from the Harbormaster. Day passes are available from the Harbormaster or pay at the honor box available at each site.

Traip Ramp- A new ramp and floats were installed and in-service by the beginning of the 2008 boating season. Tide does not affect the ability to launch or haul with the exception of extremely low lunar tide cycles. It is advisable to delay launching or hauling your vessel during these cycles to avoid possible damage to your trailer. Sail boats cannot launch at Traip unless the mast is on the deck. Vehicles and trailers may park in the Traip Academy parking lot when there is no school or special event.

Traveling by water the Traip Academy ramp can be accessed by power boats generally less than 24' in length with a bimini or T-top of less than 7' above the vessels waterline. Vessels approaching the ramp by water must navigate beneath either of the two bridges crossing to The Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in the Back Channel that runs between Kittery and Seavey Island. Clearance is 6' maximum at high water, requiring the vessel operator to be aware of tide height when transiting the area. Traveling by car, from the Route 1 rotary turn right on to Route 103, right on to Whipple Rd. at the Irving gas station. Turn left on Williams Ave, turn right into the Traip Academy lot. The access road to the Ramp is diagonally across from the parking lot entrance.

Pepperrell Cove- The ramp is accessible for approximately to two hours either side of the high tide. It is located at the bottom of Bellamy Lane. At the high tide the ramp is suitable for launching of sail and power boats. Dock tie-up is available for up to 30 minutes. By car from the Route 1 rotary turn right on 103, cross the Kittery Pt. bridge, right on Bellamy Lane at Enoteca, formerly Frisbees Market.